

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006, claims 22 and 23 have been canceled, and claims 15 and 37 has been amended. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-20, and 24-38 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph (8), the Office Action indicates that claims 1-6, 8-13, and 24-33 are allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed subject matter.

In paragraph (9), the Office Action indicates that the subject matter of claim 15 would be allowable if written or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and have amended claim 15 accordingly.

III. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and were not required for purposes of patentability.

IV. Non Art Rejections

In paragraphs (1)-(2), the Office Action rejected claims 15-20 and 34-38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it recited the limitation "the third equalizer" in line 11 without sufficient antecedent basis. The Office Action also rejected claims 16-20 and 34-38 because they depend on claim 15.

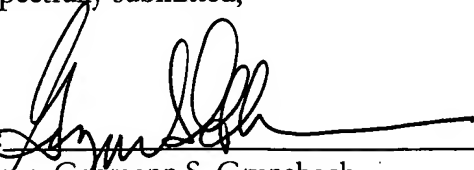
The Applicants have amended claim 15 to provide sufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, the Applicants believe claims 16-20 and 34-38 are now allowable. The Applicants also amended claim 37 to correct a minor error. Should the Examiner find these amendments inappropriate, the Applicants would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned so that any difficulties can expeditiously be resolved.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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